



Mount Holly Chit Chat

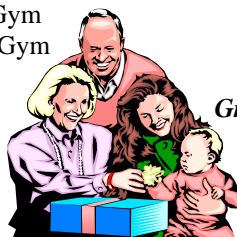
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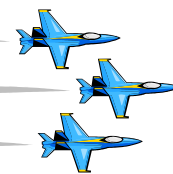
Village Baptist Church – Worship 9:30am, Pastor Glenn Davis 259-2440 vbch@weebly.com
E. Wallingford Baptist – SS 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am Evening 6:30 pm Phone 259-2831 www.ewbaptist.com
Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church- SS 11 am & 3 pm Until May, 11 am & 6 pm, 253 S. Main St., Rutland 802-779-0300
Saint Patrick's Mass Wallingford Sat 4 pm Sun 9:15 am Rev Justin Baker, Ph. 446-2161
Annunciation Parish Mass, Ludlow, Sat 4 pm, Sun 8 am & 11 am **Proctorsville** Sun 9:30 am, Rev. Romanus Igweonu Ph. 228-3451
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce – Marji Graf 228-5830
Town Library: Sat 9-1 Sun 2-4 Mon 3-7 Wed 3-7 Mt. Holly Town Library, P.O. Box 93, Belmont, VT 05730 Call 259-3707
Town Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Fri. & Holidays Phone & Fax 259-2391
Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Mon 8:30 am – 12:00 pm Wed 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm and by Appointment 802-259-2391
Burn Permits: Call Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward 786-3408 or 259-2211

TRANSFER SITE: Wed. 4 pm – 7 pm & Sat. 8 am – 2 pm

Aug 30 th	Baked Ham Supper , Benefit MH Historical Museum, Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
1 st	Early Black Bear, Gray Squirrel Hunting Season ~ World War II Began 1936	
2 nd	Labor Day ~ Japan Signed Formal Surrender V-J Day 1945	
	Mt. Holly School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School Gym	7:00 pm
	Union #39 School Board Meeting, Mt. Holly School Gym	7:00 pm
3 rd	Mt. Holly Community Association Meeting, Library	7:00 pm
Sun 7 th	Fire Dept. Business Meeting, Fire Station	7:00 pm
8 th	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
9 th	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Selectmen's meeting, Town Office	7:30 pm
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
10 th	Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, Belmont Fire Station	7:00 pm
	Mt. Holly PTC Meeting, Mt. Holly School Library	3:00 pm
	Mount Holly Grange	7:30 pm
	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
11 th	Never Forget! 9-11Patriot Day	
Sun 14 th	100 Anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner written by Francis Scott Key 1814	
15 th	Mt. Holly Chit Chat Annual Meeting , Town Office	6:30 pm
	Mount Holly Planning Commission, Town Office	7:30 pm
16 th	Fire Dept. work night, Fire Stations	7:00 pm
17 th	Mt. Holly Town Library Meeting, Library, Belmont	7:00 pm
18 th	Operation Uphold Democracy 1994 ! US Air Force Est 1947	
Sat 20 th	Roast Pork Supper , Benefit MH Rescue Squad, Odd Fellows Hall	5:00 pm
Sun 21 st	Peace Day ~ POW/MIA Day	
22 nd	Rescue Squad Meeting, Rescue Squad Building	7:00 pm
23 rd	Community Guild Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	9:00 am
	Fire Dept. Drill, Fire Station	7:00 pm
24 th	ODD Fellows Meeting, IOOF Hall, Belmont	7:00 pm
26 th	Rosh Hashanah At Sundown	
27 th	George Gershwin 1898	
29 th	Ruffed Grouse, Hare & Rabbit Hunting Season	
	VFW Est 1899	



Grandparents Day



Fall

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Emergency Services

Mount Holly Fire Dept.	259-2700 or	911	Poison Control	(802) 658-3456
Mount Holly Fire Warden ~ Jim Seward	786-3408	259-2211	American Red Cross	802-773-9159
Mount Holly Rescue Squad	775-3133 or	911	Game Warden – Tim Carey	802-773-9101
Mount Holly Constable Paul Faenza	C 802-353-8347	P 802-786-4404	Health Officer - Tim Bickford	259-3664
Animal Control For Mt. Holly	mhconstable@yahoo.com	P 802-786-4404	Vermont State Police	773-9101

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September Birthdays: 1st -Adam Frey 2nd -Mark Turco Sr * Hunter Hupp 4th -John Taylor Jr 7th -Caleb Nye 8th -Sarah Hawkins Delphia 10th -Felicia Turco * Dustin Miller * Ruth Thornton (1925) 12th -Vera Tuomisto * Charles Conroy 13th -Joey Carrara 14th -Todd Bussino Jr (1983) 19th -Julia Hoeh * Heather Deem (1977) 20th -Anna-Mae Bellimer (1923) 21st -Evelyn Garrow 24th -Eleanor Nowosad 26th -Peter Herbst 27th -Clarise Dana 29th -Ryan Flynn * Kenny Hart (50) 30th -Eliza Tarbell



September Anniversaries: 3rd -Douglas & Darlene Stocker 6th -Murray & Betty Merlin * Vincent & Barbara Palotta * William & Marjorie Graf 12th -Candace Neary & Annette Lynch 21st -Daniel & Linda Fitzgibbon * Jane Harrington & Susan Horsman 26th -Benjamin & Amber Taylor 28th -Frank & Barbara Gerdin 30th -William & Amber Nye

If you would like to add or remove yours or a family members birthday and or anniversary from the list please send the information to me at the above address or e-mail me at chitchat@vermontel.net or call me at 802-259-2314.

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Post Master:

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Post Master: Jane Hill

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
& 1:30 pm – 4:45 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 10:45 am

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Post Master: Lynnette Devereux

Mon – Fri 7:00 am – 12:30 pm
& 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sat 7:00 am – 10:00 pm

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Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 11:00 am
& 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sat 8:00 am – 10:30 am

Ludlow 802-228-7436

Post Master: Dawn Howlett

Lobby Hours: Mon – Fri 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
Sat 6:30 am – 11:00 am
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Sat 8:30 am – 10:30 am



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"Bill" Seward

The family of "Bill" Seward would like to thank everyone who participated in the celebration of his life by providing flowers, food, cards, phone calls, donations and visits. Your generosity and support was a great comfort to our family and we will always be grateful. Thank you for sharing your memories and for showing how much he was respected and loved! Carol Seward and Family



Youngest Belmont Resident?

We would like to put a birth announcement in the Chit Chat. Kevin and Katie Hollebeek, along with 3yo Thomas Hollebeek, welcomed Anna Charlotte Hollebeek on July 24, 2014 at 11:49 PM at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 18" long. Please let me know if you require any additional information. Cheers, Kevin, Katie & Thomas Hollebeek

Vendors Needed for Gigantic Yard Sale

The Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow will be hosting a yard sale on Friday and Saturday, August 29th and 30th. The sale will be held on church grounds at the corner of Depot and High Streets. Spaces are available for vendors of yard sale items as well as for arts and crafts. For those who live in remote locations, this is an opportunity to have greater exposure for your yard sale on Labor Day weekend. Space is available for \$20 per vendor and long tables can be provided for an additional \$5 per table. To reserve your space, please call Carol Hastings at [\(802-228-7175\)](tel:802-228-7175) or Ann Doucette at [\(802-259-3222\)](tel:802-259-3222). Paul Faenza

Crown Point Road Association

The Crown Point Road Association is leading a hike the middle of September along sections of the early road that crossed Vermont. The group plans to spend the night of Wednesday, September 17th camping out on the Kyle Perry Farm in the Hortonville area. They arrive late that afternoon, and would be glad to have visitors stop by to talk about the history of the road. This message is to let everyone know there will be hikers in that area, and they welcome others to join in the hike. Submitted by Dennis Devereux

Patriot Day

World Day of Prayer for Peace September 11, 2014

It is important for us to remember the events of September 11th, 2001. Over the years I have shared my memories of the events at Ground Zero with many of you; and in the past year I have presented the information to students who were too young to remember how these events changed our lives, our country and our world. Two thousand, nine hundred and seventy-seven people died that day in New York City, Washington DC and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Since then hundreds of first responders, construction workers and other NYC workers are sick or dying from WTC related diseases. Over 150 police officers and firefighters have died from exposure at Ground Zero since 9/11, their names etched on to memorial walls throughout New York State.

Please remember all who have fallen, keep the memories alive, painful as they might be. Share your experiences with our young people. Participate in a prayer service, perform some community service, or just pause for a moment of silence.

The Knights of Columbus will be reciting the Rosary, on Thursday, September 11th, 7pm at the Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow. We will be gathering near the St. Mary statue, weather permitting or inside the church. All are welcome to attend. Paul Faenza, Grand Knight, Council 7324, Ludlow

Suppers For Mount Holly Organizations



**Settings Start 5:00 pm
At
The Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont**



**All You Can Eat - Served Home Style
Adults \$10 - Children 11 and Under \$5**

August 30 th	Historical Museum - Baked Ham
Sept. 20 th	MH Rescue Squad - Roast Port
October 11 th	MHCA - Roast Beef
October 25 th	Gill Home, IOOF - Baked Ham

Take Outs Available With All Dinners

More Info Call 802-259-3665



**NOTE: Lake Street will be ONE WAY For All
Suppers For Emergency Vehicle Access and ease of traffic
flow. Thanks**

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Excavating**

E-mail: beardmoreexc@vermontel.net

Robert W. Beardmore Jr.

802-342-3507

Annual 3-D Bow Shoot, Mendon Fish & Game Club

8/16/14 through 8/17/14

7:00 am until 3:00 pm at Mendon Fish & Game Club, 3547 Chittenden Road, Pittsford, VT 05763 Archery enthusiasts will be able to enjoy the 3-D shoots with new Rinehart targets and improved course layout. Cost is only \$10.00 per person and all proceeds benefit the sponsorship of the 2015 Green Mountain Conservation Camp attendees. For more information please contact Gary Severance at (802) 558-5702 sevfam3@comcast.net

P.J. Bushey's Closing

Dear Customers and Friends of P.J. Bushey's Garden Center,

I write to inform you that P.J. Bushey's Garden Center will be closing this season. I will cherish the relationships we have built over the years through the love of plants. We have enjoyed being part of this community and I thank you for buying local and supporting this family business.

The Garden Center will be open 7 days a week until August 24th, after which we will only be open on weekends into September. Everything is 30% off at this time. Best regards, Melissa Rosenberg, Owner, P.J. Bushey's Garden Center 802-259-2542

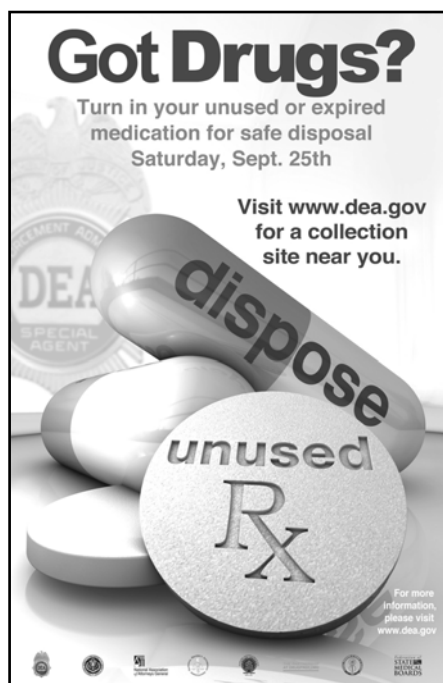
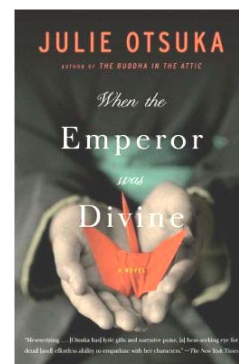
News Alert: Big Eyes Bakery is on the move!

Big Eyes Bakery started in our home in Putnam Valley, NY in 2003. After relocating to VT in 2004 we established ourselves as a local home based business known for our various homemade pies, lemon cheesecake, tea breads, scones and other assorted desserts. We sold our goods at Farmer's Markets in Londonderry & Mount Holly, and have been a fixture at Cider Days for several years. Our dream has always been to open our own retail shop, and after spending over a year searching, we have found the perfect location at 28 Main Street in Ludlow. For those old time Vermonters, you will recognize the location as Reba's Store, or the B.A. Pitts Store. Over the next few weeks we will be busy putting the finishing touches on our new home. Follow us on Facebook. Thanks for your continued support of our business, and we look forward to serving you in the future. Look for our Grand Opening in September. We are still accepting orders, please call 259-7005.

The Faenza Family

September Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group

The Mount Holly Library Reading Discussion Group will meet on September 10th at Mary Anderle's, 2475 East Clarendon Road, North Clarendon. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m. We are reading and discussing the novel *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka. Copies of the book are available from Jane at the post office. Please see Jane with any questions.



National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, September 27th 10AM to 2PM

- Diamond Run Mall
- Rutland County Sheriff's Office
- Ludlow Police Department

Bring in your unused, expired or unwanted prescription drugs. Pet medications are also accepted. We cannot accept liquids, creams or sharps.

You can find other collection sites by visiting www.dea.gov, clicking on "Got Drugs?", and entering your zip code.

For more information on safe disposal methods please call the Black River Area Community Coalition at 228-7878.



Bobcat On Maple Hill & Tiffany Road



Early last evening a Bobcat, unmistakable, was seen walking along the stone 'wall' next to my house and the Tantangelos property! Quite a sight and apparently these are not often seen. Looked as though about to cross Maple Hill Dr. Anyone else had a sighting? Stephanie Stouffer

Sharing my sighting of a big 50 to 60 pound bobcat down by my pond. At first I wasn't sure what it was, I have seen bobcats before, but not this big. I have many more photos if anyone is interested and will save the best for the MT Holly Calendar Photo Contest.



Pictures can also be seen on my Facebook page. These pictures were taken yesterday around 6:30 PM. I am grateful my cats were inside and appreciate the wonders of life I see each day in my back yard. What a beautiful town we live in!! Enjoy!!

PS. Last week I came across a black bear, I had just left my house to go for a walk. Next time I will have the camera ready. MARY ALBERTY Photos Compliments Of Mary Alberty



Big Black Bear Deterrent & Scare Ideas

I don't feed the birds because that attracts all kinds of vermin. I miss the birds but don't miss the extra squirrels, etc. My garbage is in a locking plastic can in a locked shed. I wash (with detergent and hot water) all my garbage that might have anything smelly on it. I burn meat bones in the wood stove (not sure of that's legal but...). The bones remain to go out with the ashes but there's nothing yummy on them. It's a bit of extra effort but it seems to help. I had a visit from a bear at 8:30 PM a couple of Tuesdays ago and he wandered around the yard for 10 minutes and then left.

Seems I didn't have anything he wanted. Maybe this will help others. From, Barb Roberts

An idea that worked for me this summer--please pass along to the Chit Chat readers and all dealing with many bear visits this year. After banging on a pot and yelling at 1 a.m. deterred a dumpster-visiting bear for less than 5 minutes, I pointed the radio out the window and turned it on LOUD! Thinking that voices and not music would be more effective, I found the BBC broadcast played it for a solid hour. That was the ticket, and the bear was gone for good. From, M. McLaughlin, Mt. Holly Photos By Robert Kautz



More Good News!!! Mount Holly Community First Aid Clinics Have Begun!!!

To continue the commemoration of community spirit begun 40 years ago by Miles Richards we have begun a series of First

FALL: COUNTRY FAIRS, BRIGHT LEAVES AND SQUARE DANCING COME JOIN US!

Square Dancing Demonstration at the Rutland State Fair, Wednesday, September 03, 7:00 – 9:00pm, near the Maple Sugar Building.

Classes begin September 10th at the Lothrop School, Route 7 in Pittsford. Free introductory nights on September 10th and 17th, at 7:00pm.

The Cast Off 8's of Rutland, VT.

Local dancers: Rhonda Rivers and Don Richardson (259-3662) or Joan Judge (492-3418)

Aid Clinics which we hope to continue into September. Remembering, that Miles, organized a group of his neighbors for the sole purpose of helping each other in a time of need.

In 2014, some 40 years later, we as members of that same community, continue to reap the benefits of his willingness to reach out to help those neighbors.

The first two clinics were held on August 11th & 18th, at the Village Baptist Church in Belmont from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30. The next Clinic is scheduled on Monday August 25th, again at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome!

Please consider attending one or more of these Clinics. There is no cost and no obligation! However, remember "ANYONE CAN SAVE A LIFE-PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE" and that person may not be a stranger. What better way to serve our community!!! Thanks Miles for getting us headed in the right direction!!! You may contact Don Richardson at 802 259-3662 or 802 228-7086 at any time but do it today and let's get started helping our neighbors. And Thanks!!!



That Time of Year Again!!!!

The MT Holly Sno*drifters would like to continue the New Year's Eve tradition by providing fireworks for the community celebration.

We are looking for donations:

What's needed: Baskets filled with theme items such as:

- Dog basket (dog bones, dog toys, treats, leash etc.)
- Vermont basket (maple syrup, pancake mix, maple candy, jelly etc)
- Sports theme (Red Sox, Bruins or Patriot things)
- Pamper me basket (candles, lotions, shower gels)
- Food baskets (Italian, Mexican etc...)
- Garden baskets, Scrap book baskets, kids basket, cleaning basket, car wash basket, race car theme (you get the idea)

You don't necessarily need to use a basket. You could use a bucket,

a cat litter box, anything you can put things in. All items need to be new, so use your creative imagination.

These Baskets's will be displayed and auctioned off on Cider days in Belmont. (Similar to a Chinese auction) Saturday, October 11th 10:00 to 4:00 and Sunday, October 12th noon to 4:00. Drawings for the baskets will be on Sunday, October 13th at 4:00 PM

All proceeds will be donated to New Year's Eve fireworks display.

Please call me if you can help, I would be glad to pick up your basket. You can also donate items or gift certificates and I will make the basket or use the item for door prizes. (Ideally baskets should be dropped off at my house by October 10th) Cash and checks are always welcome.

The MT Holly Sno*drifters appreciates your support. I feel confident that our community will pull together to support this fine event. A special thanks to all those that donated last year! Mary Alberty, 802-259-2900 or email MHSnowdrifters@aol.com

MOUNT HOLLY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD



**CELEBRATING 40 YEARS
WITH AN OPEN HOUSE**

**SAVE THE DATE:
OCTOBER 26TH
3:00PM**

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



FALL; COUNTRY FAIRS, BRIGHT LEAVES AND SQUARE DANCING

Fall means many things to people, but when the air begins to cool it becomes the season of Technicolor leaves, country fairs, and ages old traditions like the barn dance and its modern counterpart, western style square dancing. The Cast Off 8's from Rutland are planning a demonstration at the Vermont State Fair on September 3rd, from 7:00 to 9:00pm, to show people what fun this activity can still be.

Can't make the fair? The CO8's begin classes in September at Lothrop School, Route 7, in Pittsford. Join us for 2 free nights, Wednesdays, September 10th and 17th, at 7:00pm. For more information, contact local dancers, Rhonda Rivers and Don Richardson (259-3662) or Joan Judge (492-3418).

Here's another trick from Doctor Dementia to test your skills...

Can you meet this challenge? I've seen this with the letters out of order, but this is the first time I've seen it with numbers. Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this OUT LOUD you have a strong mind. And better than that: Alzheimer's is a long, long, way down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you.

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1N 7H3 B3G1NNING 17 WA5 H4RD BU7 N0W, 0N 7H15 LIN3 Y0UR M1ND 1S R34D1NG 17 4U70M471C4LLY W17H 0U7 3V3N 7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17, B3 PROUD! 0NLY C3R741N P30PL3 C4N R3AD 7H15. PL3453 F0RW4RD 1F U C4N R34D 7H15.

To my 'selected' strange-minded friends: If you can read the following paragraph, forward it on to your friends with 'yes' in the subject line. Only great minds can read this. This is weird, but interesting!

If you can read this, you have a strange mind, too. Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can. I doubt believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phonemic power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? Yeah and I always thought spelling was important! If you can read this forward it.

Community Hands-Only CPR

Monday, September 15th

At 6:00pm

Belmont Fire Station.

Sponsored by

Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Reserve your place early by emailing

Sue Poirier at spcolby@gmail.com.



It's Not Over Even When It's Over

THE END. Those are two of our most powerful words. Whether it's the nostalgic end to a fabulous summer, a great book, an action-packed game, a heart-wrenching drama or a romantic evening on the town, we all know how a finish feels. Once a moment has passed, it's gone.

Some points of completion however, also launch fresh beginnings. Laura and I are approaching one of those points in our parenting. Two sons married (as of Easter) and one son and daughter "to go" makes it clear that our child-rearing years are pretty much over. We can almost see "The End" rolling up on the screen.

Yet this ending is also a beginning-- a new chapter in our relationship as husband a wife and wonderful new adventures for our kids. Endings and beginnings are what life is all about. Somehow a finish doesn't seem so bad if it leads to something new and wonder-filled.

In many ways these are amazing days to be living in and there is so much that is right with the world. Yet we also see things that cause us grave concern. The rising tide of secularism and the advent of a new wave of paganism threaten our values and our future. Christians in Iraq and Africa are being put to the test by increasingly radical jihadists who post beheadings on YouTube. It's ironic that the safest place for Christians in the Middle East right now is Israel.

I am not one to jump on faddish bandwagons of speculation, neither am I a date setter. But I am an observer. Never before in my life have I noticed so many events matching biblical statements about the return of Christ. History seems to have pressed the fast-forward button. What we never thought possible in a lifetime is taking place in a moment.

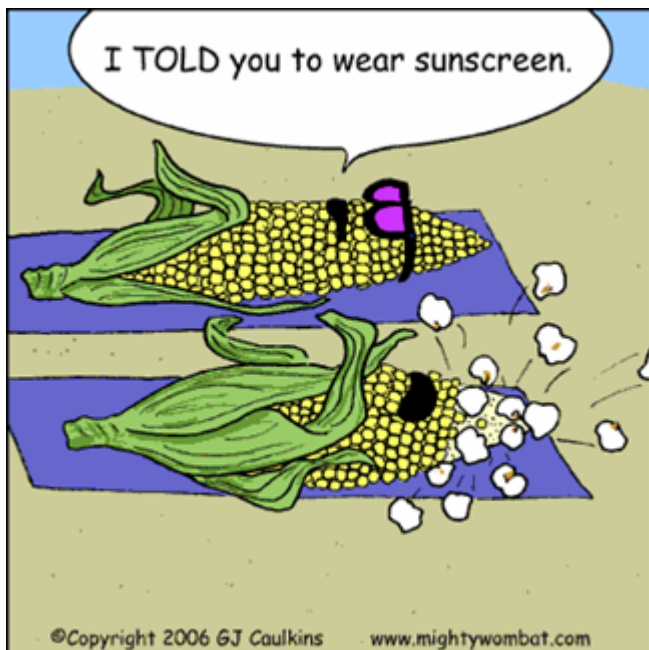
The rise in frequency of earthquakes, tsunamis and other natural disasters can't help but get our attention. Most recently riots and anarchy. Then add the increasing openness with which Satanism & witchcraft are practiced today and the scourge of viruses like Ebola and you wonder if we may be quickly approaching the end-- and a marvelous new beginning.

Could it be that we are nearing the time of seeing Jesus face to face? Could it be that this struggle of flesh and fallenness will soon be over and our earth bonds will cease to weigh us down?

Is it possible that these words from Revelation will soon be more than a promise? "Now the dwelling of God is with men

(He's moved into the neighborhood) and He's making his home with men and women. They'll be His people and He their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good-- tears gone, crying gone, pain gone-- all the first order of things gone...Look! I am making everything new!" (Rev. 21:3-5)

I sure hope so. Never before has it looked so much like the end, never before has it seemed so much like the marvelous beginning. *Pastor Glenn Davis*



Baked Ham Supper



August 30, 2014

5:00 p.m.



Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont

Benefit Mount Holly Historical Museum

Baked Ham Supper

**Baked Potatoes, Veg., Rolls
And Home Baked Pies**



**All You Can Eat - Home Style
Take-Outs Available**

Adults \$10.00

Children under 12 years \$5.00

More Info Call 259-3445

MOUNT HOLLY TOWN LIBRARY

Claudine Langille and Victor Paul CD Release Concert

Let's Bring the House Down for Mount Holly's Queen of Music!!

Saturday, September 6 at 7pm Claudine and Victor are celebrating the release of their CD "You Are My Flower" a selection of wonderful old songs recorded by the Carter Family in the 1920's. Vocal harmonies are a feature of Carter Family songs that Vic and Claudine delight in interpreting. Both musicians are also accomplished songwriters and will treat you to some of their originals. Don't miss this special concert and hear these skilled musicians bring it all home in a concert that will have you singing along as you rediscover the songs of the family who got the ball rolling for old time American country music. We are honored that they have chosen to perform their release party on the Mount Holly Stage! Limited seating; suggested donation is only \$10.

Birth to 5 Play Group and Nursing Nook – Tuesdays 10-11:30 am

Play groups are informal gatherings of families who want a supportive experience for their child. Children have the opportunity to hear stories, read and play. They gain socialization skills and learn with other children. Listening to songs, dancing, playing with educational toys and participating in creative projects are fun and help with development. The Nursing Nook has partnered with the program and a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor will join the Play Group every Tuesday. Breastfeeding is crucially important to the health of mothers and children. A counselor gives support and basic breastfeeding information and encouragement to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. The Nursing Nook is an opportunity to get your Breastfeeding questions answered and connect with other Moms who share your experiences.

New England Nature: Up Close – Photography Exhibit

Tisa Van Dine had a well-attended opening reception of her photographs on August 9th in the Mount Holly Community Room. Her wildlife shots are a wonderful representation of the nature of New England. I particularly love the loon with her babies on her back and the series of eagle photos. Don't miss the chance to stop in and see these photos. The show will continue through the month of September.

Library Has Two Special Helpers

Shortly after Martha Moyer returned to Mount Holly to care for her Mom, Mamie Richards, she came by the library and introduced herself. She told me she had been a librarian in Maine and asked if we could use any help. If I hesitated at all it was only in the excitement of saying YES. We immediately put her on the volunteer list and she soon started signing up for hours. She has been an amazing resource giving me suggestions and helping to bring about some changes in procedures and organization of the collection. She has been working hard during closed hours to accomplish some of these changes. Unfortunately, since Mamie's passing she and husband Norman have decided to return to Maine. I want to express my thanks and wish them well on their next chapter. I will miss her greatly.

I also have had the pleasure of getting assistance from Middle School 7th grader Natasha Fortin. Natasha has been a huge help in clearing up a backlog of donated books and adding titles to the collection. She is a quick learner and is helpful when the computer dumbfounds me. Thanks Natasha and I hope you can continue to assist me this winter.



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Children's Literacy Foundation Grant (CLiF)

I mentioned in the June Chit Chat that the library had been awarded a grant from CLiF. We have selected the books that we would like from a list of 900 titles and we are now setting up a date for the professional storyteller to come to Mount Holly. They will deliver new books to the Play Group toddlers, the Preschool, a day care provider in Mount Holly and hold a storytelling session for the school at the library. The grant also provides new books to the school library. We are pleased and excited that we have been chosen for this grant opportunity.

Vermont Humanities Council Program

In August we hosted a fun and educational program with Adam Boyce portraying Charles Ross Taggart "Old Country Fiddler". The library is able to apply for two grants each year through the Vermont Humanities Council and all the programs have been exceptional. Thanks to Joan McCallum for completing the applications and taking responsibility for logistics, advertising and marketing.

What is in the Library collection?

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<http://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/home.php> and find out!!



BOARDMAN HILL SOLAR FARM

People living in Mount Holly have the chance to be part of a solar farm and Aegis Renewable Energy proposes a turnkey system of high quality components at a cost of \$2.73 per watt. Adding land lease for site and estimated taxes & insurance results in a cost per watt of less than \$3.50. Panel owners can still take the 30% federal tax credit.... and excellent solar loan programs are available. We hope to have it running by the end of this year in order to take advantage of the extra benefits that expire at the end of the year.

If you would like a presentation sent to you, please contact Marcy at tanger@vermontel.net or 259-2344. You should do this soon since we are signing people up now. Also, those of you who want to move forward should contact GMP at 888-835-4672 for your annual usage for Aegis.

Businesses-this is a great program with a very quick pay back for business owners.
Brochures for the VGreen loans and rate schedules are at the Belmont Store as you come in the door.



STAR and Building Performance participants, *for a limited time only*. The bonus is available for projects completed between July 15th and December 15th, 2014. Customers will need to complete all work and receive a "test-out" audit from their contractor by December 15th. Participants will have until December 31st to return their incentive claim documents to Efficiency Vermont.

Call NeighborWorks today and find out more and join your neighbors so that you will have a warmer house and save money! If you would like to schedule a home energy audit call **802-438-2303 ext 227** or visit www.heatsquad.org

If you receive a loan from NW, there is a new program. Green Mountain Power customers can now choose to repay home energy efficiency loans on their monthly GMP electric bill, thanks to a partnership with NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. This partnership leverages GMP's billing system with nonprofit NeighborWorks' revolving loan fund. The on-bill service allows GMP customers to make energy improvements to their homes with the help of a loan from NeighborWorks and make their monthly payments when they pay their GMP bill. The program is available to all GMP customers. Loans may be for thermal and electric efficiency measures, renewable energy and other services that advance the energy plan of the State of Vermont.



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Mount Holly 2014 Photo Contest

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The Mount Holly Photo Contest and Calendar are sponsored by the Mount Holly Community Association. All proceeds help fund activities in our community.

Mount Holly Community Association

The harbinger of fall is already upon us, as we all spy some colorful leaves here and there in our gardens and on our roads. It is hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close but what a beautiful summer it was! It was not just the weather that brought us so much pleasure, but the many wonderful events sponsored by the MHCA, which again saw record numbers of people turn out to enjoy the activities and one another.

Among the more important of these events was the **Annual Meeting** held a couple of weeks ago. Standing for re-election were Jess Alberty, Penny Coldwell, Carol DeVine, Madeleine Fay, Kathy Leber, Jim Osborne and Morgan Skiathitis. All were unanimously given another term on the MHCA Board. The officers up for re-election were Penny Coldwell and Carol DeVine, Co-Presidents, and Kathy Leber, Secretary. They too were given unanimous approval and will be on board for another two years. Many thanks to all of our Board members, who have worked so hard this past year to make the Community Association the vital organization that it is!

If you have any questions, or suggestions for the MHCA, please feel free to contact Penny (259-2760), or Carol (259-2562). They would be happy to hear from you.

Music on the Green continues to hold on to its reputation as one of the best summer music series in the area. At this writing there is one concert to go on Thursday, August 29th, with our very own Mount Holly Folk Club. Be sure not to miss them! Again, the MHCA wishes to express its gratitude to Abe and Kathy Leber, who organize this fabulous series each year...thank you so much!

Although anticipated rain pushed the annual **Square Dance** indoors last week, there was no less fun than ever before. The school gym was packed with at least 80 people in attendance. There are so many folks who look forward to the square dance and, when they show up with their dancing shoes on, they are never disappointed. This is thanks to Lou and Sue Flego who put on this marvelous event every year for the Mount Holly Community...we can't tell you how much we appreciate it! This year Lou said he thinks they have been calling square dances here in Mount Holly for about 30 years! Lest we forget the guy behind the scenes...many thanks to Jim Osborne for coordinating the details for a successful evening.

Upcoming: The event to close off our summer season is fast approaching...the incomparable **Cabaret!** Mark your calendars now for Sunday, August 31st, Labor Day Weekend. The smooth jazz sound of Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon will begin at 8:00 pm in the Library turned Cabaret. This is a not to be missed event and a wonderful way to say goodbye to summer. There is no cover charge, but sinful desserts and libations can be had for a minimal price. Please join us!!

Autumn Preview: the first event in the fall calendar is the **Photo Preview** for the annual photo calendar contest. It will take place on Saturday, October 4th in the Community Room in the Library & Community Center Building. The preview will begin at 7:00 pm and light refreshments will be served. Please take the opportunity to get a sneak peek at this year's entries for the 2016 Photo Calendar. The preview and the photo contest have become traditions in Mount Holly and shouldn't be missed!

October means two things in the Mount Holly community...beautiful foliage and **Cider Days!** This year Cider Days will be held on Saturday, October 11th, and Sunday, October 12th. It is the major event of the year for the MHCA, as well as the entire community. Fresh pressed cider from our antique press, food and crafts from local artisans, not to mention the immediate satisfaction of fresh apple pie with Crowley's cheese, or homemade apple crisp with ice cream, all await you on Columbus Day weekend. Planning for this event is well under way, so be sure to mark your calendars now and look for updates on the Newsflash and in the next Chit Chat. REMINDER: the deadline for vendors to reserve a spot at Cider Days is August 31st. Please contact Morgan Skiathitis as soon as possible: morganskiathitis@gmail.com or 802-259-2755 for an application and further information

Mount Holly Community Association Membership Drive 2014 – 2015

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Vocalist Alexa Fila and Joe Solomon on the string bass will perform jazz favorites in the Billie Holiday style. We will transform the community center and library into a Cabaret and serve decadent desserts and libations for purchase. Get there early because seating is limited.

This event is free and open to the public.

calls that you need to be able to dance all over the country, and even the world!

Modern Western Square Dancing is an active fun way to meet friendly people. The CO8's hope that the people that read this will give some thought to getting away from the TV and dancing. Classes do not mean classroom time either. You are dancing and enjoying from the first night. The calls build on each other weekly, and if you miss a class or two there are reviews and experienced dancers to help pull you through. If you remember square dancing from your earlier days, come on by and brush up on the moves, too. Square dancing is a good way to forget about the working world and move into fun mode for a night. Carefree activity is becoming more rare in this world, so take advantage of these lessons to get out of the house, meet new people and have some fun.

For more information contact David Moakley (483 9938) or local dancers, Rhonda Rivers and Don Richardson (259-3662) or Joan Judge (492-3418).

Mount Holly Chit Chat
Annual Meeting
Monday September 15th
6:30 pm
Mount Holly Town Office

Fall means many things to people, but when the air begins to cool it becomes the season of Technicolor leaves, country fairs, and ages old traditions in the Green Mountain State. One of those old traditions is the barn dance, where friends gathered on a Saturday night to enjoy music, each others company, and the fun of dancing in the cool of the evening. Most of us do not have barns anymore, so the fun of barn dancing has morphed into square dancing. It is good to know that this culture is still active in Vermont. The Cast Off 8's and the Champlain Valley Squares Square Dance Clubs recently put on a demonstration of modern western square dancing at the Addison County Field Days and the Cast Off 8's from Rutland are planning a demonstration at the Vermont State Fair in Rutland to show people what fun this activity can still be.

CO8's begin classes in September at Lothrop School, Route 7, in Pittsford and hope to convince the watchers to get out of the house and learn a new activity. Square dancing is a fun cure for the cabin fever that sets in during a long Vermont winter, too. They are planning 2 free nights, Wednesdays, September 10th and 17th to introduce new dancers to the fun of this activity. The club meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM from Sept to May. You can learn all the

The Star-Spangled Banner

By Francis Scott Key "100 Anniversary"

O SAY, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming!
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
Oh, say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream;
'Tis the star-spangled banner! O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave,
From terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Oh! Thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just,
And this be our motto:-- "In God is our trust!"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.



Mount Holly Town News

Minutes are "DRAFT" until approved at the next Select Board meeting September 9, 2014. NOTE: Most Select Board meetings are covered by LPC-TV. The videos can be viewed at their website, www.lpcvtv.org. Computers with internet access are available at the Town Library.

SELECT BOARD ~ AUGUST 12, 2014 - The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Jim Heald. Raymond Tarbell and Tim Martin were present. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim welcomed everyone and requested that speakers raise their hand to be recognized, state their name and keep remarks civil and short.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: There were five additions to the agenda:

- VTrans Grant review letter
- Route 103 rumble strip meeting
- RRPC Town Plan approval process
- Star Lake Dam Inspection report
- VLCT PACIF property surveys

2. GMP Pole locations on Russellville Rd. This item was tabled from last meeting. The Town received a petition from residents of Russellville Road regarding GMP's plans for relocating electric lines along the road, instead of the current line which runs through the interior of several properties. Tim Upton (environmental dept.) and Carl Ojala (distribution director) from GMP were present. They outlined the history of the project going back as far as 2010, from gathering easements from property owners, site visits and reviews by ANR and the Act 250 permit approval in Dec. 2012. GMP changed the new line running from an existing pole on the Shaw property to a new pole location across the road on another property, as the Shaws did not grant the easement for theirs. GMP has all necessary easements and permits to proceed with the project as is. Erin and Heather Shaw are asking that the Selectboard find that the new pole location is not appropriate and that GMP keep the line where it is. The Shaws believe that the proposed location in the highway ROW will be unstable in another flood event such as Irene, and that the location does not meet the Act 250 requirements. After some discussion between the parties, Jim Heald asked both parties to meet and try to come to a compromise, which they agreed to do.
3. The minutes of the regular meeting of July 08 and the special meeting of May 27 were sent out before the meeting for review. (The May 27 minutes should have been approved at the June meeting, but were inadvertently missed.) There were no corrections or additions. Upon motions made and seconded it was **VOTED:** To approve the July 08 and May 27 minutes. (3-0)

Mount Holly Animal Control Officer

The Mount Holly Animal Control Officer is Constable Paul Faenza. He can be contacted 24hours/day at pager 786-4404, or leave a message on his cell at 245-4452.

The ACO handles calls concerning domesticated animals, and farm animals, to include animals running at large, animal cruelty, aggressive dogs, dog bites, etc. For more information or any questions concerning the Mount Holly Dog Ordinance, please contact Constable Faenza at mhconstable@yahoo.com.

4. Highways

- Winter Sand: Jeff reported that Casella's bid was \$1.00 more than Pike's. As Casella has not provided a sand sample, he preferred to stick with the relatively coarse sand from Pike. The Board all agreed. Either Trucking will deliver the sand.
- Tarbellville Culvert
 - 1) Jeff first reported on the proposal to move the streambed above the culvert, which could eliminate the other two culverts above the one being replaced. If feasible, this could eliminate up to \$400,000 for replacement culverts in the future. There are some legal issues with this, and a survey by Otter Creek will cost about \$5,000. The Board agreed to the cost.
 - 2) The bids for the culvert being replaced were made assuming a round culvert, and there is some question about ledge. A design of a 6'X14' 3-sided (open bottom) culvert would allow for a shallower placement, but still requires footings 6 feet down. A test drilling for ledge was inconclusive. The Board agreed that a better auger drilling should be done for ledge and that the bids would need to be redone for the open bottom design.
- Route 155 status – Dennis Devereux reported that he had written a letter to Secretary Searls of the Agency of Transportation regarding the poor condition of Route 155 From East Wallingford to Weston. While the Agency agreed that the road needs work, budgetary issues mean there are no plans for substantial work other than patching as needed along VT155. Dennis mentioned that he will contact other legislative members from the area to push for paving, and suggested that a citizen's petition might be effective. The Board agreed to write a letter to the Agency.
- Hortonville/Shunpike Roads: A resident complained about potholes on these two roads. This year's paving project is planned for Hortonville, which should take care of most of the problem area. Jeff reported that Shunpike has been regraded and he will look at the pavement change areas for possible improvements.
- New Garage.

Jim Heald read a report from Jerry Hansen, providing a project progress thru the end of July (a copy will be available at the town office). Mr. Hansen also approved the third payment request from Josselyn Bros. The structural steel has been

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erected and the installation of banding and fabric for roof insulation and roof panels in is progress. This phase of construction can be affected by wind and rain conditions. Jeff noted that electricity to the building was installed today.

- VTrans had a Grant Review team look at documentation for the July 2013 storm damage grant for Old Turnpike Road and the Town received a letter with the results of the visit. While they suggested that the Town adopt a procurement policy, the Town was commended for our readiness for a FEMA audit, if one should happen.
5. Report of Treasurer
 - David Johnson presented an income and expense statement dated July 31, 2014 showing cash balances of \$1,194,429. Property taxes have started coming in. The State Adjustments are down about \$58,000 from last year, but that may change with late tax filers. The first quarter State highway aid has been received. No notable expenses with only one month in the fiscal year. The new garage bills are about ½ of total project.
 - Advances to U39 and MH Elementary – David requested that the Board authorize advances to both schools, as the exact school payment schedules will not be known until mid-September (usual timeframe) and the schools will have expenses before then. Upon motion made and seconded it was **VOTED:** To authorize David to advance \$100,000 to each school until the exact payment schedule can be determined. (3-0)
 - External Audit – David asked if the Board wished to continue with Jeff Bradley for an external auditor or look for other bids. David would hope to begin the audit in September unless other bids were needed. Upon motion made and seconded it was **VOTED:** To continue with Jeff Bradley as external auditor. (3-0)
 6. Primary Election – August 26th, Susan Covalla, Town Clerk, reported that the primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 26th, at the Town Office with voting from 10am – 7pm. Voters will receive four ballots (one for each party), choose which party's ballot they wish to vote on, and the others are thrown away.
 7. Planning Commission
 - Hazard Mitigation Plan – The committee met on July 31st with Laura Keir from RRPC to continue the updating of the Town's plan. She will finalize the plan and send to committee members for review. The process for the plan's adoption and approval includes a 15-day public comment period, review and approval by the Northwest RPC, the State Hazard Mitigation Officer and then FEMA Region 1.
 - VTrans is planning to hold a public information meeting on the installation of rumble stripes along the length of Route 103. Susan Schreiber is coordinating a meeting for the Rutland County towns involved and requested Mount Holly host it. The Board agreed to hold the meeting on September 09 at 6:30pm at the school gym. The regular Selectboard meeting will follow at the school.
 - RRPC sent a letter to clarify and simplify the process RRPC will be using to approve town plans and the planning process. This information was forwarded on to the Planning Commission.
 8. Star Lake Dam Reconstruction – Update
 - The Town received the Star Lake Dam Inspection Report from the State. Ron Unterman noted it's pretty much the same as previous years and the State is glad we are moving on.
 - Ron Unterman reported on conversations with Dubois and King, State engineers and other parties to relook at an option for the dam (overtopping dam design). This design would consider the 1000 year flood time period over 48 hours rather than 24 hours. The resulting change in design means not raising the dam level as high, no parapet wall, (lower costs) and probably no need to get easements from the property owners. The lake will still be raised to the historical level (18 inches higher).
 9. Other Business
 - VLCT PACIF performed property surveys on the old garage and the town office. As a result, the replacement values for both buildings were raised, and the town's premium will increase for the 2015 calendar year.
 - ATV committee update – Don Patch presented a proposed ordinance regarding ATV use on town roads. (A copy of the proposal is available at the Town Office.) The committee felt that ATV's are used on town roads now (illegally) and an ordinance would provide a structure for allowing legal use of approved town highways while protecting the health and safety of all vehicle operators, residents and property. They recommended opening a couple of non-paved roads on a trial basis for one year.

Comments from those attending (including one non-resident) covered numerous topics including but not limited to: accidents have already occurred with illegal use; ATV's are not designed for use on roads; 27 towns and clubs covering multiple towns allow it; would allow handicapped people to move around (state law allows handicapped hunters to use them); possible liability issues for the town; education issues of both residents and riders; handling of complaints or enforcement issues not resolved; concerns that ATV's will begin to use VAST trails.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was **VOTED:** To table the proposed ATV ordinance to a future meeting (2-1, T. Martin dissented).

- New England Clean power Link Project (NECPL), a proposed 1000 MW electrical transmission line to run along Route 103, has scheduled a public open house meeting on Thursday August 21 at the Town Office from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
- Okemo Act 250 Application Amendment – Okemo has filed an amendment to the Act 250 permit to allow construction of the chair storage building for the new lift.
- VT ANR – announced planned stewardship activities in Okemo State Forest, to include relocation of two sections of the Healdville Trail, trailhead maintenance, and two culvert replacements on Mountain Road.
- The Town's DUNS# number registration was updated on July 10 (required annually). Don Patch noted that the NIMS

compliance will also be required for FEMA grants (requires certain town officials to have completed various levels of NIMS certification courses).

10. Executive Session – None needed.

11. The Board reviewed and signed the July orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm. Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Rivers

TWO MEETINGS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09

There will be two Selectboard meetings on September 09, 2014. Both meetings will be held at the School Gym, not the Town Office.

6:30 pm – Vtrans Route 103 Rumblestripes meeting

This meeting is being held so that abutting property owners and others in the community can get information and ask questions about VTran's plan to install rumblestripes on the entire length of Route 103. This meeting will be open to Rutland County towns along Route 103 (Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Wallingford and Mount Holly). This meeting will be warned as a Special Selectboard Meeting, so all board members may attend. This will be the only agenda item and no decisions are anticipated.

7:30pm – Regular Selectboard Meeting

This meeting will also be held at the school, to follow the Vtrans meeting. The agenda will be posted as required; agenda items are due at the Town Office by noon, Thursday, September 04, 2014.

Mount Holly Planning Commission - PUBLIC HEARING August 18, 2014 - Public Hearing for Lisa Bixby 7:00pm

Attendance: Steve Mongeon, Lisa Bixby, Jaska Hill, Andy Schultz, Ralph Michaels and Dave Vantor

Steve Mungeon requested final approval for 2 lot subdivision for construction on a new home located on Route 155. Planning commission requested signed state approval of septic permit and milar before they could grant the approval of 2 lot subdivision. All interested parties were asked if they had any questions regarding the subdivision, No parties contested. Clinton Woolley motioned to accept final subdivision, motioned was denied until signed septic permit and Mylar are approved. Michael Valente motioned to adjourn Public hearing seconded by Clinton Woolley. Meeting was adjourned 7:20 pm

Public Hearing for Ninevah Foundation 7:21pm - Attendance: Andy Schultz, Ralph Michaels and Dave Vantor

Andy Schultz presented more information on Blakely Meadows, that there was still an easement that they will not build on the property. Ralph Michaels presented final plat information, Tim Martin stated that they need to make correction to the date on the Mylar and add contours. Clinton Woolley motioned to accept final plat, Bill McGrath and Tim Martin requested that these items be corrected before they can finalize the subdivision. Bill McGrath motioned to adjourn public hearing, all seconded aye.

Regular Meeting August 18 2014 - Members present: Tim Martin, Clinton Woolley, Michael Valente, Bill McGrath, Jim Seward and Nicole Griffin - Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Tim Martin/Chairman

OLD BUSINESS: Michael Valente made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Jim Seward seconded the motion; the motion was carried by all.

A. BCR Daniel Metralf- new construction using composting toilet, was declined until further information is gathered. Approved BCR's - Mark and Sandra Diamond 28x42 garage - Carl S Riedell-24x24 garage - Jay Shapiro- new addition

NEW BUSINESS: New BCR'S - Peter Coldwell 10x16 addition - Wayne and Karen Taylor-renovating camp - Gayle and Randy Wortman-24x36 hunting camp - Gerald T Carney- replacing existing deck - Francis and Carol Devine-sunroom addition - Margaret and David Burnor-40x28 garage

Waste Water Permits: Peter Scola

ADJOURNMENT: Clinton Woolley made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Michael Valente and the motion was carried by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 by **Tim Martin-chairman**. Respectfully Submitted By *Nicole Griffin*

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 6 at 7 pm

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Roast Pork Supper

September 20, 2014



5:00 p.m.



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WITNESS UGANDA creators to perform at Weston Playhouse benefit concert August 31

When Griffin Matthews, a young black American from New York City, ventured to Uganda in 2005 to help build a village school, he had no idea what a life-changing journey it would be. His six-week experience, in the company of a group of orphaned teenagers compelled the young writer/director/actor to want to do something to improve their quality of life. First he formed a non-profit aid organization, the Uganda Project, and later, after returning to the village year after year, Matthews, in collaboration with Matt Gould, wrote the award-winning musical *Witness Uganda* which has brought new funding to the project. Having its world premiere at the American Repertory Theater earlier this year, the two men will perform a concert version of the musical at a Sunday, August 31st special Weston Playhouse event.

Through the lens of an American working with orphaned teenagers in Africa, the play explores challenging issues including the Uganda gay rights movement, the delicate balance between aid work and cultural interference, and the evolving perceived responsibility of Americans abroad. *Witness Uganda* documents the story of a man battling to find his place in a world full of injustice and inhumanity and explores the question “is changing the world even possible?”

Matthew’s primary mission was to see to it that the children he met received good educations. Through Project Uganda he was able to advance the mission. But with the collapse of the American economy in 2008, Matthew needed to infuse the project.

The Carnegie Mellon Musical Theatre graduate shared his story with Matt Gould, a graduate of Boston University’s College of Fine Arts. They spoke about the importance of making art that matters and about the desire for one’s work and one’s life to have meaning and purpose. Gould recorded Matthews as he shared his ambitions and experiences and set some of the conversation to music, and from that encounter *Witness Uganda* was born.

The musical, which premiered at A.R.T. under the direction of Tony Award Winner Diane Paulus, is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2012 and 2014 Richard Rodgers Awards for Musical Theater. Matthew and Gould are honored to have been asked to perform selections from *Witness Uganda* at this year’s TEDx conference in New York City.

Matt Gould’s music has been performed at Jazz at Lincoln Center, The Saban Theatre (LA), Symphony Space (NYC), Huntington Theatre Company, and Rattlestick Theatre (NYC.) He was a composing fellow in New Dramatist’s Composer/Librettist studio and has composed and arranged music for Grammy Winner Desmond Child, Terrence McNally, Vanessa Williams, and more.

Griffin Matthews is a writer, director, actor, and philanthropist who splits his time between New York and Los Angeles. As an actor, he has appeared on *The Mentalist*, *Weeds*, *90210*, and *Law & Order LA*. He has appeared Off-Broadway and regionally. Still, his greatest accomplishment continues to be watching the students of Uganda Project rise above their circumstances and be the first members of their families to graduate high school and college.

The concert version of *Witness Uganda* will be held Sunday, August 31 at 8pm at the Weston Playhouse, 12 Park Street, Weston. All proceeds will benefit the non-profit Weston Playhouse Theatre Company and Project Uganda. The concert will be followed by a Q&A with the writer/performers. Tickets are \$35 adults, \$17.50 students, and are available by phone at 802-824-5288 (Tuesday – Sunday, 10am to 6pm), online 24/7 at westonplayhouse.org, or in person at the Playhouse box office (Tuesday – Sunday, 10am to 6pm.) Read and watch more on the project at www.witnessuganda.com.

Photo: Matt Gould and Griffin Matthews performing *Witness Uganda* earlier this year. Photo: Gretjen Helene.



Fletcher Memorial Library Story Times

1. Pajama Story time at Fletcher Memorial Library - September 22, 2014 - 6:00-6:45 pm

Put on your jammies, grab your teddy bear and join us for an evening of stories, milk, cookies and fun. All ages welcome. Call 228-3517 or e-mail skrawczykvt@gmail.com for more info.

2. Drop in Story time at Fletcher Memorial Library - Every Friday beginning September 5, 2014 - 10:30-11:00

Drop in for stories, music and fun. Best suited for ages 5 and under. Call 228-3517 or e-mail skrawczykvt@gmail.com for more info.

RUTLAND AREA FARM AND FOOD LINK'S "TWILIGHT IN THE MEADOW"

Each year on a cool evening, just as the summer turns into fall, a large white tent is erected on one of the picturesque farms in Rutland County for a very special event. Warm light, lively music, laughter and conversation draw in visitors from near and far. The event is known as Twilight in the Meadow, an annual celebration of local farms and food hosted by the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link (RAFFL).

RAFFL supports the success of small farms through mentoring, technical assistance and connections with new customers. At the same time, we work hard to ensure that as many people as possible have equal access to local foods through produce donations, food and cooking education and farm to school efforts.

Now in its sixth year, Twilight has become an annual tradition for many locals. This year's celebration will take place at Beaver Meadow Farm owned by Ludy Biddle in Shrewsbury on Sunday, September 7th from 5-8:30pm. Catered, using the finest ingredients Vermont has to offer, tickets to the event are coveted by foodies and agricultural enthusiasts.

This year, our Tex-Mex and Cajun inspired menu will be presented by John Seward, owner and chef of Mojo Café in Ludlow. Sissy Hicks of Sissy's Kitchen will be preparing a few dishes and Amanda Barrett of Sugar Bees and Laura and Dave of A Dozen Eggs in Mount Holly will present a wonderful array of desserts. Their delicious foods will be complemented by Vermont made cheeses and served with local beers and wines.

Music will be performed by Salt River Revue, a Shrewsbury group, with members Victoria Arthur, Mary Barron, Marcos Levy, Paul Sgalia and Steve Spensley. They will be singing and playing music from many different traditions using an array of instruments including fiddle, mandolin, bass, keyboard, guitar and recorder.

There will be a couple added bonuses this year. The Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education (SAGE) will be participating at Twilight with their Good Food Bus. And there will be the possibility to tour some farms in the Shrewsbury area throughout the afternoon before the event.

As a celebration of local farms and foods, Twilight in the Meadow is one of our greatest fundraising efforts at RAFFL. The proceeds allow us to continue pursuing our work in advancing the agricultural community of the greater Rutland region. The event has both silent and live auctions and they are a great way to contribute to RAFFL and simultaneously win a gift certificate or unique experience at a local business or venue.

Twilight in the Meadow is a great opportunity to learn more about what is happening at RAFFL. Visual depictions of our programs will be highlighted throughout the tent and representatives from our organization and the agricultural community will be present to help narrate and answer your questions. There will also be plenty of time to chat with local farmers and learn more about the life of a Vermont farmer.

Come join in the fun!!

Please visit RAFFL's website at www.rutlandfarmandfood.org for more information about RAFFL and its programs and to purchase tickets to Twilight. Or call the office at 417-7331.



recording their guests".

Representatives from several state agencies visited the class and spoke about Irene's affect on highways, bridges, agriculture and even future crops. While doing the research, they compared the flood of 1927 to the flood of 2011, Irene. Fascinating facts were discovered such as the number of sugar bush acres affected, 1322 acres. Many more facts, numbers and surprising information can be learned from the exhibit. The viewer will learn which flood was the worst, 1927 or 2011.

For more information please phone: [802-228-5050](tel:802-228-5050), email: glbrehm@tds.net or visit our website: www.bramvt.org. The Museum is located at 14 High Street, Ludlow, VT and is open Tues. – Sat., noon – 4 PM or by appointment. From: Anita Alic

Irene's Legacy

The Black River Academy Museum has opened a new permanent exhibit on the second floor, Irene's Legacy. It is the result of a collaboration of BRAM, the 6th grade class at Ludlow Elementary School and LPCTV, made possible by a grant from the Okemo Community Challenge Fund. The class researched the effects of Hurricane Irene in the Black River Valley area using newspapers, photographs, videos and social media.

In addition to the display, which is interactive, they filmed a documentary video, "Our Community's Perspective of Irene" which is a series of interviews with people directly affected by Irene's flooding. Patrick Cody of LPCTV felt "that the students did a super job using our green screen, organizing the video shoots and

José Daniel Flores-Caraballo Joins the Vermont Symphony Orchestra as Chorus Director

The **Vermont Symphony Orchestra** has appointed José Daniel Flores-Caraballo as Chorus Director. He succeeds Robert De Cormier who retired following 20 year tenure and whose timeless dedication and endless passion allowed the VSO Chorus to grow and become recognized for its merits and outstanding music presentation. "I am thrilled to be the new Director of the VSO Chorus. It is a great honor, indeed, following the footsteps of a major figure of the choral world, Robert DeCormier," comments Flores. The search yielded nearly 60 applicants from all over the globe with finalists coming to Vermont to audition with the Chorus.

Flores recently became the new Artistic and Executive Director of Albany Pro Musica. Before this he was artistic director, conductor, and founder of the Atlantic Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra, the Atlantic Schola Cantorum, and the Atlantic Children's Chorale. Flores-Caraballo also served as director of music and organist for the Community Church of Vero Beach, where he directed the 73-member Chancel Choir and all guest instrumental ensembles and orchestras. Flores helped establish Vero Beach as a choral, concert, and cultural destination thanks to his excellence in teaching and performance. Prior to moving to the continental U.S., Flores was Dean of Academic Affairs at the Conservatory of Music founded by Pablo Casals in San Juan, Puerto Rico. A gifted teacher, Flores exhibits remarkable patience, good humor, collegiality, and aesthetic creativity – a unique combination of talents that empowers musicians and singers alike to perform at the highest levels while having fun.

"I am delighted we have found someone whom the VSO Chorus members really like! He's a young and dynamic conductor who will devote lots of energy to the VSO Chorus, and I look forward to working with him," states Jaime Laredo, Music Director of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra. Equally, Flores looks forward to "a musically-rewarding collaboration with Jaime Laredo and the rest of the VSO artistic leadership."

Flores' comprehensive training includes a doctorate in Sacred Music with an emphasis on Choral and Instrumental Conducting from the Graduate Theological Foundation, a master's in Choral Conducting and Organ from the University of Illinois, and a bachelor's in Music Education and Instrumental Conducting from the Conservatory of Music in San Juan.

Flores is featured as conductor and organist on numerous recordings, including several world premieres. He periodically joins his brother Marcos Daniel in a touring show titled *The Dueling Brothers* in which José plays the organ and Marcos the piano in this celebration of a rivalry between instrument aficionados. The brothers perform alone and together adding some comedy to a program filled with challenging repertoire. Honors and awards include several First Prizes and Gold Awards in choral concert competitions.

Flores will be responsible for the preparation of the VSO for performances with the Orchestra, and will conduct other VSO Chorus concerts. Flores remarks, "Vermont has a strong choral tradition and I am elated to be part of this beautiful state's artistic family."

José Daniel and his wife Dharma enjoy contact with nature and are delighted with the idea of driving through awe-inspiring Vermont for VSO rehearsals and performances.

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra is the only professional statewide orchestra providing live musical experiences for listeners in Vermont. It is a state-supported non-profit institution founded in 1935 and exists for the purpose of fostering and encouraging the appreciation of music in all its various forms, with emphasis on orchestral, choral and chamber music.

If you would like more information or would like to schedule an interview, contact Amy Caldwell at (802) 864-5741 ext. 16 or amy@vso.org.

Star of stage and screen, Campbell Scott is set for his Weston debut in *Uncle Vanya*

Best-known for his roles in *The Amazing Spider-Man*, *Royal Pains* and *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*, Campbell Scott takes to the Weston Playhouse stage for Anton Chekhov's wistful comedy, *Uncle Vanya*. Scott is playing the role of Astrov, the forlorn visionary philosopher in this timeless play in which tempers flare and passions are ignited when an aging professor returns with his beautiful young wife to his family's country estate. In an interesting spin, the Weston production is set in contemporary Vermont. This last show of the season is sponsored by the Vermont Country Store and has a limited engagement, August 28 – September 6.

"In Weston's 78-year history, we have never tackled Chekhov," offered Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler. "To really do it well takes the right adaptation, the right director, and a stellar cast. We've assembled all the right pieces. I'm confident we'll be wrapping up our 2014 season with much pride in this show."

The Weston production utilizes a new translation/adaptation by the recent Pulitzer Prize winner Annie Baker. Baker, who Weston audiences might remember from the 2011 production of her play *The Aliens*, says *Uncle Vanya* is her very favorite play. In adapting it she said her goal "was to create a version that sounds to our contemporary American ears the way the play sounded to Russian ears during the play's first production in the provinces in 1898."

Chosen to direct the production is a graduate of the prestigious Yale School of Drama, Mike Donahue, who says of the play, "It's about sacrifice, longing, and breaking patterns. But in all of this, it's a play that is drawn with such nuance and humor – I think there are immense opportunities to create a wholly human, visceral experience for an audience." Of this production, he says, "the design will be evocative and raw with a focus on the text, the actors and their relationship to the space/the audience... We want the actors and audience alike to feel as if they are breathing the same air, suspended on the same breath." Donahue is a Fullbright Artist who has been directing new plays, musicals and operas in New York and at many top regional theatres.

Collaborating with Donahue as Costume Designer is fellow Yale alum Anya Klepikov who is originally from Russia and who has been deeply studying the Vermont landscape and its people in order to create clothing that naturally reflects each character's unique nature in a timeless fashion.

Joining Campbell Scott on stage is his wife Kathleen McElfresh as the lovely Yelena and Liam Craig as Vanya. McElfresh and Craig are returning to the Weston stage where they delighted audiences in Weston's 2010 farce *The 39 Steps*. Rounding out the stellar cast are Christopher Donahue, Munson Hicks, Barbara Lloyd (all three of whom were in last year's *To Kill a Mockingbird*), Cass Morgan (*Saint Ex.*) Jeanine Serralles and Clark Glennon.

Performances of *Uncle Vanya* will be at the Weston Playhouse, on the Village Green (12 Park Street) in Weston. Show times are Tuesdays-Saturdays at 7:30pm, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2pm, and Sundays at 3pm. The show runs 2 1/2 hours with one intermission. Pre-show dinner is available at the theatre's own restaurant, the Café at the Falls. Tickets to *Uncle Vanya* run \$39-\$52. Discounts include VTix (25 seats at \$25 for Vermonters) and student pricing (half-price.) Tickets can be purchased by calling [802-824-5288](tel:802-824-5288) or online at westonplayhouse.org.



As I write this column we are waiting for the VT Challenge to visit our region. This will be our second of three “wheels” events, (the

first being the Iron Adventure Run and the third being the Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car Show over Labor Day Weekend.

The Vermont Challenge is the only bicycle Challenge that tours Southern and Central Vermont over 3 or 4 days and draws upon the creative energy of local businesses and people of Vermont, key ski resorts, restaurants and farms in each local community that they visit. The ride incorporates four major Vermont ski resorts as key hosts for meals and lodging. They offer cyclists the chance to complete a century over one of Vermont’s legendary “Gaps” across the spine of the Green Mountains with stunning vistas in each direction. Hope the rain stops for them.

In two weeks we’re getting ready to host the Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car Show on Saturday, August 30 and 31st at the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts grounds. There will be a Friday night Cruise In and early registration at Cool Moose Café. Saturday the show opens from 10am-2pm followed by a car parade to President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site for the Plymouth Folk & Blues Concert, followed by a \$10 chicken barbecue. On Sunday the show is from 10am-2pm and another car parade to Plymouth for the Folk & Blues Concert (no chicken barbecue on Sunday).

We had a great mixer on August 13 at Goodman’s American Pie new location at Lamere Square in Ludlow. Thank you Jess & Craig for hosting us. We presented the Inn at Weathersfield with the August Member of the Month award.

Our next chamber mixer is on September 10 at the Farrar Mansur House in Weston from 5:30-7:30pm.

We also supported the dedication of Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts as the newest member of the Vermont State Craft Education Center. Fletcher Farm joins the Vermont Woodworking School in Fairfax – Vermont’s other State Craft Education Center – as well as the State Craft Center Galleries: Frog Hollow Craft Center in Burlington, the Artisans Hand in Montpelier, the Gallery at the VAULT in Springfield and the Northeast Kingdom Artisans Guild in St. Johnsbury.

We welcomed Green Mountain Oral Surgery to the Chamber. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon, Sherilynn Stofka, DDS, of Rutland, practices a full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery with expertise ranging from dentoalveolar surgery to wisdom tooth removal. They also perform a full range of dental implant and bone grafting procedures.

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) will hold two public meetings examining the potential to add centerline rumble stripes to sections of VT-103 between Rockingham and Mount Holly, including Chester, Cavendish and Ludlow. If the installation is to move forward, it would occur as part of the current paving project in the Fall of 2014. The meetings are open to all and will be:

- Thursday 8/28 at 6pm – Town of Rockingham/ Village of Bellows Falls Town Office (7 Square, Bellows Falls, VT)
- Tuesday 9/9 at 6:30pm (during regular Selectboard meeting) – Mount Holly Town Office (150 School St, Mt Holly, VT)

For more information about the meetings please contact Kevin Marshia, Deputy Chief Engineer Highway Division from VTrans (kevin.marshia@state.vt.us, 802-828-2932).

The Chamber will be representing our Region at the Big E in Agawam, MA on September 17 & 18.

Save the Date: Small Business Saturday is on November 29.

In the News: Routes 100 and 11 are highlighted in the September/October issue of Road Runner Motorcycle Touring and Travel Magazine. (page 96)

Ludlow, in the Okemo Valley, is rated #5 out of #20 in Travel & Leisure’s Best Fall Foliage spots in the Country!!

Congratulations to The Downtown Grocery and the Inn at Weathersfield for being highlighted in a Montreal Magazine called MOI&cie story about road tripping in Vermont.

Ribbon Cutting For Opening Of The Whitesville Bridge On Route 131



Marji Graf, CEO for the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce along with Rich Svec, Cavendish Town Manager, Representative Mark Huntley, Cold River Bridges, Kristin Higgins, Accelerated Bridge Program Manager and Tammy Ellis, District Transportation Administrator for the State of Vermont, cut the ribbon to dedicate the opening of the

Whitesville Bridge on Route 131 with some HOG members and other motorcyclists present who were coming to our Region for the Iron Adventure Run. The bridge had been severely damaged during the flooding from Tropical Storm Irene.

Rich also dedicated this ceremony to the Vermont National Guard for their great assistance to Cavendish during Irene recovery efforts and, in particular, to the memory of Sgt. Shawn Stocker of the VT Air Guard, who died while on duty here in Cavendish during that work. Picture by Donald Dill



Vermont Gas Adds Renewable Natural Gas to Portfolio

Pilot program first step to making renewable natural gas available to customers

Renewable natural gas has been flowing into the Vermont Gas distribution system and homes and businesses in Franklin and Chittenden counties since last Friday, the company announced today.

Renewable natural gas, sometimes called bio-methane, is produced naturally from the decomposition of organic materials found in manure and landfills and can be used to supplement traditional natural gas.

The renewable natural gas now flowing into the Vermont Gas system as part of this pilot project is enough to heat 350 average residential homes. It is sourced from Quebec.

Don Gilbert, president and CEO of Vermont Gas, said supporting the expansion of renewable natural gas production in Vermont is one of the company's priorities.

"Vermont Gas is also supporting the development of the first commercial-scale, agriculturally-based renewable natural gas production facility in Vermont, and intends to make it, or a blend, available to more and more customers in the coming years as part of our continued commitment to expand the availability of cleaner and more affordable natural gas to more Vermonters," Gilbert said.

Renewable natural gas can help farmers turn waste products into a cash crop and produces all-natural, bacteria-free compost and animal bedding as a byproduct.

"With the encouragement and support of the Vermont Department of Public Service, we are working to incorporate renewable natural gas into our mix consistent with the state's comprehensive energy plan," added Gilbert. "In addition, our goal is to develop the renewable natural gas market further so that customers can choose to exclusively purchase renewable natural gas in the future."

"Renewable natural gas has tremendous advantages," he continued. "It produces a heating fuel that reduces lifecycle emissions by more than 90 percent compared to other sources, reduces phosphorous runoff into waterways like Lake Champlain and can contribute to Vermont's renewable energy goals. Vermont Gas is pleased to make this first foray toward bringing renewable natural gas into its system"

Referring to renewable gas as "the ultimate win-win energy source" for farmers, the Natural Resources Defense Council believes that renewable natural gas has the potential to [reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1.8 million metric tons nationally](#)— the equivalent of taking 6.5 million cars off the road.



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Saturday, September 13th - 8 AM to NOON

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Metal Polish
Furniture Polish
Oven Cleaners
Drain Cleaners
Bathroom Cleaners
Tile Cleaners
Disinfectants
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Nail Polish Remover

Garage Workshop

Waste Oil
Antifreeze
Gasoline
Brake Fluid
Roofing Tar
Auto Body Repair Pro.
Automatic Trans. Fluid
Other Oils/Cleaners
Paint (Lead & Oil Based)
Paint Thinner
Paint Stripper
Varnish
Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Garden/Miscellaneous

Chemical Fertilizer
Fungicides
Herbicides
Rat Poison
Insecticides/Pesticides
Artists' Paints, Mediums
Dry Cleaning Solvents
Fiberglass Epoxy
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Moth Balls
Rechargeable Batteries
Photographic Chemicals
Pool Chemicals

Chester Fall Festival Vendor

Applications Available

The 40th annual *Fall Festival on the Green* in the Town of Chester, VT., will be held on the weekend of September 20-21st 2014. High quality artists and craftspeople creating handmade work in New England are encouraged to participate. Applications are due by April 1st and are currently being accepted. They are downloadable at www.chesterfallfestival.org. Participating vendors and corporate sponsors will be listed on the Fall Festival website. A limited number of spots are available at no cost to local non profit organizations, but an application is required. This event is sponsored by the Chester VT Rotary Club. Contact: chesterfallfestival@yahoo.com.

"Crazy and a Half" Celebrates the Madness of Life

The Springfield Community Players continue their 2014 season with a collection of insane one acts about psychiatrists, love and life, "Crazy and a Half", by D.R. Andersen. The one acts are under the direction of David Allen, Donald Gray, Stephanie Rowe and Scott Stearns with set design by Ira Emerson. Performances will run August 29 & 30 and September 5 & 6 at the Players' Studio on South Street.

The action takes place in psychiatrists' offices and therapy sessions in Manhattan and in California. Things get started with two psychiatrists fighting over who gets their therapists' last slot of the day. The wife of a mafia boss wants her psychiatrist to make her happy. A punk rocker sleeps through his therapy sessions, much to the consternation of his psychiatrist. A woman shows up at the psychiatrists' office for her first session in a bunny costume. An argumentative husband wife team of marriage counselors on the verge of divorce help a young couple work through their issues. Throughout, the psychiatrists learn as much from their patients as their patients do from them.

David Allen and Robin McNamara lead the cast psychiatrists and patients of Tom Field, Sara Jane Murphy, Greg Villone, Alina Abraham, and Erica James, with some playing parts in several of the one acts.

Curtain time for all performances is 7:30 p.m. Tickets at \$15 for general admission and \$12 for students and seniors may be reserved by calling [802-885-4098](tel:802-885-4098). From: Scott Stearns [The Book Nook]

Vermont Symphony Orchestra Made in Vermont Music Festival: Castleton

Date: 09.29.2014 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Location: Alexander Twilight Theater, Lyndon State College **Contact:** Amy Caldwell, (802) 864-5741 **website:** www.vso.org

Autumn in Vermont signals the return of glorious foliage and glorious music, as the VSO's "Made in Vermont Music Festival" tours the state. The program includes a concerto by Dittersdorf for an under sung pair of solo instruments--viola and double bass—and Holst's popular St. Paul's Suite. Beth Wiemann, a Burlington native, will join us to introduce the world premiere she has written for the VSO, "Before the Snow." The concert concludes with Haydn's Symphony No. 85, nicknamed "La Reine" because its grace and power found favor with Queen Marie Antoinette. Tickets: Seniors \$23, Adults \$27, Students \$6



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Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Announces New Members to Board of Directors

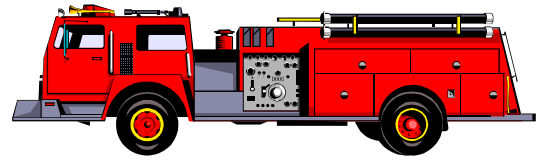
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH), a Medicare-certified, non-profit home care agency that provides the highest quality home health and nursing care, hospice, private duty, and community health services to people throughout Rutland County, Dorset, and Rupert Vermont areas, announced today that two new members have been selected to serve on the organization's Board of Directors. The new members include a seasoned member who previously spent 19 years serving on RAVNAH's board, and a GE employee serving RAVNAH for the first time. The new board members were installed as of May, 2014. Their terms will last through April, 2017.

The new board members are: Win Thomas and Dan DiBatista. **Win Thomas**, one of the principals at The Richards Group, is a respected benefits advisor and broker. He previously served on RAVNAH's board of directors from 1993 to 2012. A Colorado State University graduate, Win enjoys outdoor activities such as skiing and running, and is a four-time qualifier and finisher of the World Ironman Triathlon held in Kona, Hawaii.

Dan DiBatista comes to RAVNAH after having served such organizations such as Boys & Girls Club and YMCA in Massachusetts. Employed by General Electric for 30 years, Dan serves as Plant Leader at the Rutland facility. In 2012, he was named Rutland Economic Development Corporation's Member of the Year, and in 2010 was named Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year.

In addition to Thomas and DiBatista, five other board members have committed to serving on RAVNAH's board through April, 2017. Mark Lawrence, Dr. Eric Marsh, Jeanne Raiche, Dr. Rick Lovett and Carrie Allen have all renewed their term, which expired in April of this year.

The Mt. Holly Volunteer Fire Department 5th Annual Christmas Raffle



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repairs, uniforms, training & other operating expenses.

**Board Members exiting the board are: Bruce Carp, Mark Patten,
and Michelle Fairbrother.**

RAVNAH Executive Director Ron Cioffi thanked Bruce, Mark and Michelle for their service on the board and welcomed the new members. "Serving on the board of a thriving non-profit like RAVNAH requires dedication, time, and a commitment to improving our communities. We are incredibly grateful for the service of Bruce, Mark and Michelle for providing their time and talents to strengthening our organization and providing a positive impact on the lives with which we are entrusted. Thank you for your service."

Cioffi continued, "It is always exciting to welcome new members to the board, who bring with them a fresh perspective and a different personal approach. I know that their service will provide tremendous benefits to the board and organization as a whole."

RAVNAH Board President Dr. Rick Lovett added, "As our board continues to evolve, we have been able to move forward and progress because of the talents of our membership. I am personally grateful to have served with those members whose terms have ended and to welcome our newest members on board. RAVNAH is a great organization that serves the home health needs of area residents, regardless of their location or how complex their health care issues are, and we are fortunate for the leadership we have serving on our patients' behalfs."

Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice is a non-profit, Medicare certified home health agency that provides a wide range of health care services to people of all ages who need home and community health services.

For information on RAVNAH programs and services, call 802.775.0568 or visit www.ravnah.org. Melissa Faignant, Community Relations, Rutland Area VNA & Hospice, 802.770.1520, melissaf@ravnah.org

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Black River Good Neighbor Services Initiates Back to School Support

Black River Good Neighbor Services is initiating a new program to support school children and is requesting donations for back to school needs. Audrey Bridge, Executive Director, said: "Over the years we have noticed that back to school time places a huge financial burden on our clients with children. Back to school supply purchases further stress already tight monthly budgets. When there are several children in a family, equipping them can seem impossible to families in need."

Specific back to school needs vary with grade level and the school attended. Probably the costliest general requirement is a backpack. Families seeking back to school support can submit an application to BRGNS at 37B Main Street starting immediately. Then, when the schools make known the requirements for each child, families can share those requirements with the staff at BRGNS. BRGNS assists families in Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly and Plymouth.

For a list of items to donate or for an application, please visit our website at www.brgn.org, or drop into our store at 37B Main Street, Ludlow. For further information, please call (802) 228-3663.



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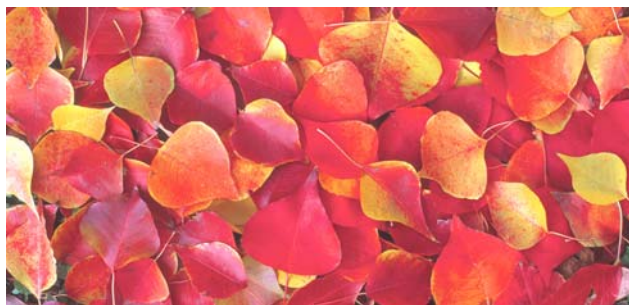
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